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For : INFRARED RADIATION ELEMENT AND GAS SENSOR USING IT

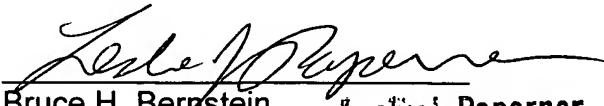
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 2003-366366, filed October 27, 2003 and 2004-156835, filed May 26, 2004. The International Bureau already should have sent certified copies of the Japanese applications to the United States designated office. If the certified copies have not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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